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CONGRESSMAN DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the World Champion **Philadelphia Eagles**, winners of the National Football League's Super Bowl LII.

On Sunday, February 4, 2018, in front of an international audience, the Philadelphia Eagles won Super Bowl LII by a score of 41-33, defeating the defending champions, the New England Patriots, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Under the steady leadership of owner Jeffrey Lurie, general manager Howie Roseman, and head coach Doug Pederson, the "Birds," as they are affectionately known, won their first-ever Super Bowl title.

The Eagles embraced their "underdog" status following multiple regular season injuries to key players, defeating last year's National Football Conference (NFC) champions, the Atlanta Falcons, the NFL's top-ranked defense, the Minnesota Vikings, and ultimately the five-time Super Bowl Champions, the New England Patriots, to clinch the world championship.

Eagles backup quarterback Nick Foles earned Super Bowl LII's Most Valuable Player after he completed 373 yards for three touchdowns and caught a touchdown pass in a trick play what was arguably the most memorable moment of Super Bowl LII.

Glassboro, New Jersey's very own Corey Clement, running back for the Eagles, recorded four catches for 100 offensive yards and a critical 22 yard touchdown for the Eagles. Clement has family members who still reside in Glassboro.

South Jersey and New Jersey's First Congressional District neighbor the City of Philadelphia are verifiably "Eagles Country," home to many Eagles players, staff, and countless Eagles fans, including 2018 NFL MVP Nick Foles, Coach Doug Pederson, Hall of Fame quarterback Ron Jaworski, and famed Eagles sportscaster Sal Paolantonio.

Philadelphia Eagles' fans are known worldwide as the most passionate and dedicated fans in the NFL and whether we identify as "Red" or "Blue", we put that aside to all proudly wear green.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to once again congratulate the Philadelphia Eagles on their historic victory in Super Bowl LII.

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